

# WillisTowne Crier

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## Manager's Message



Greetings  
Willistown  
Residents!

Community...That's what Willistown is all about. Whether your mailing address is Paoli, Malvern, Newtown Square, or West Chester, Willistown Township is YOUR home...a

picturesque community full of wonderful people!

The word community shares a commonality with the word communication. In fact, we believe that better communication can lead to better community.

Whether you get your information from the WillisTowne Crier, In Great Valley Magazine, the Notify Me feature at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us), or via our social media outlets on Facebook and Twitter, we are doing our best to stay in touch with you.



**Willistown Residents are cordially invited to join me and Township staff for coffee and conversation, or to pay bills, on Saturday, December 3 between 8 and 11 AM.**

Can social media ever replace face-to-face meetings? We don't think so, and we want to do even more to open the channels of communication.

We have found that many residents enjoy coming to the Township offices to conduct their business. So, on Saturday, December 3, between 8 AM and 11 AM, we invite you to drop by, say hello and enjoy a cup of coffee on us. Whether you'd like to pay your sewer bill, voice a concern about traffic or road conditions in your

neighborhood, or simply let us say "thank you" for allowing us to work in such a nice community, please visit us on December 3.

In the meantime, please feel free to share your comments or concerns with me at

[dburman@willistown.pa.us](mailto:dburman@willistown.pa.us) and follow me on twitter @WillistownDave.

*Dave Burman, Township Manager*

*Nominations due by  
Monday December 5, 2016!*

### Willistown Township Community Service Award 2016—Make Your Nominations!

Dave Watt, the 2015 Willistown Township Community Service Award recipient, has lived in Willistown for 46 years and has been serving on the Planning Commission for 19 years.



The spirit of volunteerism in Willistown is strong. A total of 66 residents serve on the many Willistown Township boards and committees. We recognize and honor the efforts of our volunteers and each year we present the Community Service Award to one such volunteer.

Willistown's Board of Supervisors is looking for nominations for this year's award. In order for a candidate to qualify for the Willistown Township Community Service Award, he or she must be currently serving or have served on one of the Township boards and committees, including:

- Bartram Bridge Commission
- BOCA Board of Appeals
- Historical Commission
- Land Conservancy Authority Board

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Celebrating our community through people, parks, and programs



# GO WilMa! 2016

## A Record Breaking Season of Adventure!



**Go WilMa! outdoor adventurers pause for a moment in the stream at Ashbridge Preserve.**

**G**O WilMa! stands for Get Outside around Willistown and Malvern! This outdoor adventure program is based on the summer reading themes for K-5 children and teens identified annually by the national Collaborative Summer Library Program (CSLP). We combine the Malvern and Paoli Library summer reading programs with *GO WilMa!* based upon the CSLP theme. Under the leadership of Willistown Parks and Recreation, the program team includes Malvern and Paoli Library.

The 2016 summer reading themes were "On Your Mark, Get Set, Read!" for K-5th grade, "Get in the Game: Read!" for teens, and "Exercise Your Mind—Read!" for adults. This year's *GO WilMa!* theme was "Be Well, Be Fit—Get Outside & Move It!" Upon signing up, kids received *GO WilMa!* Field Guides with scavenger hunt clues, leading to hidden "Activation Stations" in our local landscape. Each Station was named after a fun activity including yoga poses and calisthenics. Program participants and their friends and families did the movements at each station and left inspired to move more throughout the day! The Stations had a post with a rubbing plate where the kids "stamped" their Field Guides. When they showed their stamps to the libraries, they received prize raffle tickets and other incentives. The Guide had summaries of the activity or yoga pose and QR code links to how to videos, recommended reading, and

the length of the walk to the Station.

Many thanks go to our Station hosts: Malvern Borough, East Whiteland Township, East Goshen Township, Natural Lands Trust, Paoli Battlefield Preservation Fund, Paoli Hospital, Historic Sugartown, and Willistown Conservation Trust. Of course, we had stations in Willistown's parks and preserves as well.

The *GO WilMa!* program children and their families and friends found adventure outside, explored treasured and often unknown places in our community, and ran into others doing the same.

The program team gratefully acknowledges the Willistown Township Supervisors for major program funding and the Malvern Borough Council and the East Goshen and East Whiteland Township Supervisors for their funding assistance. Check out more about the *GO WilMa!* program at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) under Parks and Recreation and on Facebook. Contact Mary Hundt at 610-647-5300 ext. 224 with inquiries, comments, or suggestions.

### *Note from a New GO WilMa! Family*

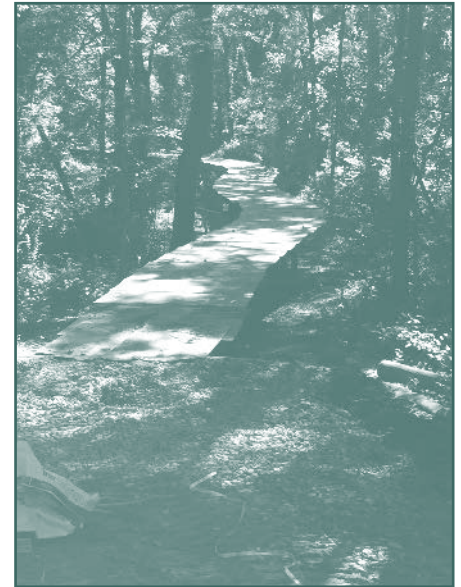
"My three young daughters, 2, 3 and 5, and my husband and I really enjoyed the *GO WilMa!* adventures. We completed four of the shorter hikes, and each one was amazing! We have lived in Willistown for a year and half, and the *GO WilMa!* program led us to places we hadn't seen before. We are astounded by the beauty of our area and the great work done to conserve this land. I am so grateful that our daughters can see birds, listen to the meadow, watch farmers, and jump rocks at a creek...all in our own backyard!"

— Stephanie T., Willistown Resident

### Stats 2016

- Grand total child participants: 670!
- We had 47 more kids sign up this year over last!
- If you conservatively average 3 people per trip, including parents, siblings, and friends, that's 2,010 people getting outside around Willistown and Malvern throughout the summer!
- Over 30 Explorers and their guests made it to all 15 Inspiration Stations travelling almost 14 miles each!

## Name That Trail!



**A construction photo of the trail adjacent to Daylesford Abbey as it crosses into a damp woodland area.**

As many of you have noticed, the trail adjacent to the Daylesford Abbey along Waynesborough and South Valley Roads up to Cedar Hollow and Devon Roads is under construction! Willistown Parks and Recreation is looking for trail name ideas from our community members to recommend to the Board of Supervisors.

We know that the property was known as Pinebrook Farm. Perhaps it was so named because the East Branch of Crum Creek, the "brook", traverses the land, and "pine" trees grew there? In 1963, the Roman Catholic Norbertine order moved from the Cassatt Estate near Daylesford, currently home of the Upper Main Line Y and then known as Daylesford Abbey, to the 130-acre farm in Willistown.

In 2015, the Abbey sold approximately 40 acres, and construction on the 3/4 mile trail began. The trail is scheduled for completion in January of 2017. A grand opening ceremony will be held this spring, so we need to name the trail before then! One suggestion is Pinebrook Trail after Pinebrook Farm. What are your suggestions? Please go to our online survey, it will only take a few minutes, at [www.willistown.pa.us/NameThatTrail](http://www.willistown.pa.us/NameThatTrail) and let us know what you think! You may also email Mary at [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us). The survey closes December 5. Thank you!

# Get Outside @ Okehocking!

*Join the Trail Corps, Weed Warriors, or Both!*

From the summer excursions of our *GO WilMa!* program to our Okehocking Trail Corps and Weed Warrior programs, Willistown Parks & Recreation is building camaraderie and a sense of community around getting people outside in Willistown. Our key ingredient is fun! Consider one of the following programs as a great way to get outside and have a good time.

## Okehocking Trail Corps

*Get outside. Dig in the dirt. Happy Trails!*

Join us! We need representation on the Trail Corps from the different user groups of the Preserve. These groups include hikers, dog walkers, runners, equestrians, artists, photographers, scouts, and birders. Current Trail Corps volunteers include members of Malvern Boy Scout Troop 7, Sugartown Girl Scout Troop 4996, Okehocking Weed Warriors, Willistown Parks & Recreation Board, dog walkers/hikers, and the Willistown Conservation Trust Trails Team. Willistown Parks & Recreation hosts annual trail workshops to train Trail Corps team leaders and members. The Okehocking Trail Corps rehabilitates and maintains existing trails



and creates new ones. Experience the reward of being part of the team, see the immediate results of your efforts, and hike afterward. Be a part of the happy team pictured here! Find out more under Parks & Recreation at [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). Join the Okehocking Trail Corps by contacting Mary, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224 or [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us).

## Okehocking Weed Warrior Program

*Weeds Beware!*

Join the Weed Warriors at Okehocking Preserve the first Saturday of every month through April 1 from 9 AM-noon! Looking for fresh air exercise this fall and winter? Please join us to help fight the invasive species that threaten the overall health of the Preserve and encroach on trails. After the leaves fall is a perfect time to tackle unwanted non-native plants. Thanks go to Dave Smith our

Head Okehocking Weed Warrior for taking the lead! Email Dave at [okehockingweedwarrior@gmail.com](mailto:okehockingweedwarrior@gmail.com) or Mary at [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us) for more information, or visit [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) under Parks & Recreation Department.

## WILLISTOWN COMMUNITY GARDEN

Sugartown Preserve • Willistown Parks & Recreation

### Garden Reflections

From Joe Munley,  
Co-Project Manager

As the summer reluctantly faded and fall has arrived, we look back and reflect on another successful growing season at the Willistown Community Garden. On a recent visit to the garden, I glanced around and absorbed the remnants of a plentiful harvest. The last few tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers were clinging to their struggling plants while a handful of green beans dangled from a trellis or hid among the leaves. Even a few watermelon still decorated the landscape.

The hot and dry summer conditions that finally passed impacted both plants and animals in the garden. The blackberry bushes this year produced very little fruit. Most of the blueberries only made it to a champagne color before being devoured by birds searching for a source of water. The birds also poked many a hole in ripening tomatoes to enjoy their seeds and moisture. Throughout the summer, a few rabbits were also spotted bouncing between beds and rows while enjoying small portions of our efforts. On the other hand, the Township kept the ever hungry local groundhogs at

bay with a few curious onlookers peering in from the perimeter of the fence.

I was uncertain what taking on the role of Co-Project Manager would mean, and the garden members helped quickly define it for me. With expectations clearly outlined, both returning and new members made my job easy. A few gentle reminders along the way, coupled with plenty of hard work from the community, led to record donations totaling 758 pounds as of early October to our local Chester County Food Bank food cupboards. Donations to the cupboards are a requirement of being a Garden member. With continued warmer than normal temperatures and the skills of our creative and dedicated gardeners, the contributions will undoubtedly continue into late fall. Some have planted cold weather crops while others are getting ready to prepare their beds for winter. I hope that the other gardeners feel the same sense of pride and accomplishment that I foster as they contemplate what the next year of gardening will bring!

For information on Willistown Community Garden membership, contact Mary, Director of Parks & Recreation, at 610-647-5300 x224.



*Where Can I  
Take Fido?*

### Willistown Parks & Recreation fans, please note!

According to the Township Code, Chapter 96, Parks, the only parks where your four legged friends are permitted are Okehocking and Serpentine Preserves! Your furry friends are welcome at these Preserves giving you access to over 300 acres of beautiful Willistown landscapes. Be aware that dogs must be leashed throughout each property, and may be released only in the off-leash field at Okehocking.

We are receiving complaints about significant amounts of dog feces at Greentree Park and Mill Park Fields. Dogs are not permitted in these parks. These grounds are where children play and run free—they are not there for Fido to pee! The rules are posted at each park. We prefer not to post additional signage. Please be considerate of our community's children and adults who visit our parks and preserves! Thank you!

These are not new guidelines. Visit the [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us) under Government, then Township Code, and Chapter 96 for more information.



# Willistown Township Snow Removal Tips and Information

The Willistown Township Public Works Department takes great pride executing snow removal operations. The eight-man crew clears 57 miles of Township roadways and 12 miles of PennDot roadways in a quick, efficient, and safe manner to ensure the safety of its residents.

Residents can do their part to facilitate the process. No vehicles are to be parked on roadways or cul-de-sacs from the onset of the snow until the roadways have been completely cleared. Cars that are parked on roadways and cul-de-sacs can hinder snow removal operations and may cause plowing delays because of access and available locations to pile plowed snow. Crews make every effort to clear the snow, but may have to return the following day after the vehicles are moved to finish. Please refer to chapter 108 of the Willistown Township code, available online, for a complete list of rules and regulations.

Mailboxes should be located at least one foot behind the face of the curb at a height of four feet.



Mailboxes located closer to the street and/or lower to the ground are most

vulnerable to damage during plowing operations. Make sure your mailbox is sturdy and add extra support if needed. The Township is not responsible for mailbox replacement due to snow coming off the plow; we will, however, replace a mailbox

that is physically hit by a plow truck.

Do not deposit shoveled, blown, or plowed snow onto public streets or storm sewers. This can cause dangerous conditions and is a violation of the law, punishable with a fine up to \$1,000. Please refer to Chapter 119-39 through 119-42 of the Township Code for a complete list of rules and regulations.

When possible, wait to clear your sidewalks and driveway aprons until the Public Works Department has completed their snow removal operations. During plowing, crews may make a pass in and a pass out of a roadway in order to allow access for emergency vehicles, and the roadway may be completed at a later time when the snow has stopped.

Please be patient. Snow removal takes time, especially in heavy snowfall. Crews begin salting at the onset of the storm. Once two inches of snow falls, plowing begins. Roads are plowed in an order based on traffic: state roadways first, major secondary roadways second, and the tertiary roads last.

Report any problems to Willistown Township at 610-647-5300, 8 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday. Please leave your name, address, contact number, and the nature of the problem. Calls received after 4 PM may not be acted upon until the next business day. You may also report potholes for Township roads under Report a Concern on the left side menu of our website: [www.willistown.pa.us](http://www.willistown.pa.us). On Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, emergencies may be reported to the Willistown Township Police Department at 610-647-1440.

## Who Plows Willistown Roads?

Willistown Township has a winter maintenance agreement with PennDot to plow and salt the following roadways:

- Providence Road from Goshen Road to Sugartown Road
- Sugartown Road from Goshen Road to King Road
- Devon Road from Paoli Pike to South Cedar Hollow Road
- Warren Avenue from Goshen Road to Paoli Pike
- South Valley Road from Devon Road to Whitehorse Road
- North Cedar Hollow Road from Central Avenue to Tredyffrin Township Line

The following roadways are plowed by PennDot:

- King Road from Sugartown Road to the East Whiteland Township Line
- Paoli Pike, from Line Road to Lancaster Avenue
- Providence Road, from Goshen Road to West Chester Pike (Route 3)
- Goshen Road
- Delchester Road
- West Chester Pike (Route 3)
- Lancaster Avenue (Route 30)
- Street Road (Route 926)

**PennDot Contact Information:**  
Call 1-800-FIX-ROAD to report potholes. Call 610-566-0972, PennDot District 6 offices, with general questions or concerns regarding state roadways.

## Parks & Recreation Board Openings

The all-volunteer Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board needs enthusiastic Willistown residents on their team! The Board advises the Supervisors on parks and recreation related issues including improvements, programs, and policies. The Supervisors appoint Board members. The Board is looking for candidates interested in trails as well as candidates with young families. Board members are asked to assist the Director of Parks and Recreation, Mary Hundt, by attending park events, greeting and registering guests and talking about Willistown's programs and

parks. Currently, there are four events per year. Board members also assist with programs, including checking *GO WilMa!* outdoor adventure program clues. Board meetings are the third Tuesday of every month from 7-8 PM; however, generally the board meets about six times per year. Address letters of interest and resumes to Mary Hundt at [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us), or call her at 610-647-5300 x224 for more info. The Parks and Recreation Board interviews the candidate and makes appointment recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

## Willistown Community Service Award

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- Malvern Library Board
- Open Space Review Board
- Paoli Library Board
- Parks and Recreation Board
- Planning Commission
- Recycling Commission
- Zoning Hearing Board
- Vacancy Board

Send your nomination in today! Please send your name and your nomination with a letter of recommendation to Mary Hundt at [mhundt@willistown.pa.us](mailto:mhundt@willistown.pa.us) by Monday, December 5. Contact Mary at 610-647-5300 x224 with any questions. Thank You!



**News Flash:**

**Cartons are Recyclable!**



Residents may now add paperboard milk, juice, wine, soup, and broth cartons to their curbside recycling bins. The most common size is half gallon; however, there are other sizes: gallon, quart, pint and even half pint. It does not matter if a container has a plastic spout, it is recyclable as is the gable-topped type without a plastic spout. Discard the cap used on a plastic spout as trash. Flattening the cartons is desirable but not mandatory.

Please rinse the cartons, and any other recycling containers, before tossing them in your recycling bin. Residents using A.J. Blosenski for recycling may mix the paper cartons with newspapers, magazines, junk mail, and other types of paper. Residents of other providers such as Republic Services, Opdenaker, Waste Management, or Suburban Waste may combine the cartons with all types of recyclables in a single-stream recycling bin.

Milk, juice, wine, soup, and broth cartons are made of several layers of cardboard sandwiched between two thin layers of plastic and have a smooth finish. They are referred to as "Liquid Paperboard" and are recycled to make cardboard, stationery, and tissues. Diverting the cartons from landfills eliminates the release of methane during their decomposition process. Methane is a gas with a global warming capacity that is 21 times more powerful than carbon dioxide! Billions of these cartons are produced every year. Sadly, almost all of them ended up in landfills as trash. We now have an opportunity to change this "system" by recycling these cartons. Minimal effort, maximum benefit!

**Thirteenth Annual Coat Collection**

By Cub Scout Packs 98 & 76

**Drop-off Period: November 7– December 10**

Keep the always successful Coat Collection program rolling for the thirteenth consecutive year by recycling coats that are in great shape, but are taking up space in your closet. Many people will be in need this winter, and you can help them by donating! Only GOOD CONDITION and CLEAN used or new coats please!

**Drop-off Sites (during regular facility hours):**

- **Malvern Public Library**  
First and Warren Avenues, Malvern
- **Paoli Public Library**  
Rear entrance to Wells Fargo Bank  
Lancaster Avenue, Paoli
- **Paoli United Methodist Church**  
81 Devon Road, Paoli
- **General Wayne Elementary School**  
Devon Road entrance, Malvern
- **Sugartown Elementary School**  
Sugartown Road entrance, Malvern
- **Paoli Hospital**  
Lower west lobby near cafeteria
- **Willistown Twp. Administration Building**  
688 Sugartown Road, Malvern

Drop-off bins will be available until December 10.

The coats are given to an outreach program for distribution at no cost to anyone in need.

Anyone—free! In the first twelve years, the program collected more than 4,500 coats! Thank you all; let's not stop now!

Our goal is to collect an additional 500 coats in 2016.

Willistown Cub Scout Packs 98 and 76 have volunteered to coordinate the program. Thank you, Cub Scouts! And thank you to scout moms Kim Hynes and Sandi Hetzel for leading this community service program. Questions? Call Willistown Township Recycling Commission Chairman Jim Tate: 610-647-7361. Township Administration donation hours are 8 AM–4 PM weekdays.



**Leaf, Yard Waste, & Christmas Tree Pickup**

Waste haulers serving Willistown Township are required to notify their clients of the special dates when their leaves, yard waste, and Christmas trees will be picked up for composting. Leaves and yard waste are collected on the special pickup dates at curbside provided they are in biodegradable paper bags available at most hardware and home supply stores. Plastic bags with leaves or yard waste will not be picked up on these dates. Paper bags with leaves and yard waste placed at curbside with trash and recyclables on a non-special pickup dates will be treated as trash. De-trimmed Christmas trees do not require a separate bag or wrap.

Please contact your hauler if you haven't received the pickup dates by early November.

**Plastic Bags—All 100 Billion of them!**

That's the number of plastic bags that the US goes through each year, and only a very small percentage is recycled! What happens to those that aren't? They end up in forests, oceans, rivers, roadsides, empty lots and, of course, in landfills where they do not decompose. Plastic bags are not biodegradable. Given that the proper disposal of plastic bags outstrips the number of new bags produced annually, it is easy to conclude that we have a growing problem.

**So what can we do?**

**Use reusable bags**—cloth or heavier grade plastic—in every store you enter. **Recycle** the #2 and #4 recycle symbol plastic bags you receive from retail merchants at any supermarket. All labels adhered to or tags stapled the bags must be removed. All bags must be clean and dry.



### Tips for Streamside Landowners

If you are fortunate to live along one of our community's streams, you play a significant role in keeping the stream healthy and clean. Here are a few ways to protect your stream from pollution and erosion.

- Plant trees or shrubs along the creek. Roots will hold the soil together, and fallen leaves form the base of the food chain in the stream.
- Create a "no mow" zone along the creek, allowing taller grasses to grow and stabilize streambanks while filtering pollutants from runoff before it reaches the stream. Just a few feet of no mow zone will make a difference but extend this area as much as you can.
- Place structures outside of the floodplain. To the extent possible, keeping garden sheds, driveways and other improvements away from the stream will give rainwater a chance to soak into the ground.

- Go easy on the fertilizer. Follow manufacturer's guidelines and only when you are confident it is not going to rain soon. In areas that drain to a stream or pond, try going without fertilizer.
- Keep grass clippings, manure, and other waste piles away from the creek. Nutrients and other pollutants can easily wash into the stream impacting water quality.
- Keep farm animals out of streams by using fencing and controlling stream access.
- Redirect your downspouts onto lawn or natural areas and away from driveways that lead to storm drains in your street or streams. Better yet, direct them to a garden with water-loving plants.

For more tips, including recommendations on trees and flowers to plant, visit the Delaware County Conservation District website at [www.delcocd.org](http://www.delcocd.org).

The Chester Ridley Crum Watersheds Association is the only watershed organization devoted to the protection of the water resources of the Chester, Ridley, and Crum Creek Valleys in Chester and Delaware Counties. Willistown Township is part of the Ridley and Crum Creek Watersheds. We look to CRC to help guide residents on protecting Willistown's precious water resources.

For more information on CRC and our watersheds, visit [www.crcwatersheds.org](http://www.crcwatersheds.org).



## HISTORIC SUGARTOWN

### Hand Bookbinding Workshop

**Sunday, November 19  
9 AM-3 PM**

Try your hand at traditional bookbinding in Historic Sugartown's Book Bindery! Colonial Williamsburg-trained instructor, Ramon Townsend of ColonialBindery.com, will lead the class through the binding process. Surrounded by a world-class collection of 19th-century bookbinding tools,

participants will create a book using traditional methods employed at that time. Along with their book, participants will be given step-by-step written instructions they can take home.

Visit [HistoricSugartown.org](http://HistoricSugartown.org) or call 610.640.2667 to register. Admission: \$75/Participant, Ages 14 and up.

### A Sugartown Christmas

**Saturday, December 10**

**11 AM-4 PM**  
Bring your family to Historic Sugartown for some holiday fun!

Explore the historic village and hear about Victorian Christmas traditions. Sugar up at Sugartown! Kids will get a chance to decorate cookies and gingerbread houses, and try their hand at making Victorian-style ornaments and Christmas cards. Visit with Santa at our

c. 1805 William Garrett House and enjoy holiday treats and hot cocoa!  
Admission: \$6/Adult, \$5/Senior (60+ yrs), \$4/Child (3-17 yrs). Children ages 2 and younger admitted free.

### Guided tours Through December 4 Saturdays • 11 AM-4 PM Sundays • 1-4 PM

Enjoy a guided tour of the 19th century village. You'll "shop" in the circa 1880 General Store, stamp leather as bookbinders do in the Book Bindery, view a wonderful collection of Willistown tall-case clocks in the circa 1805 Garrett House, and enjoy the transportation exhibit by Chester County Historical Society in our Carriage Museum.  
Admission: \$5/Adult, \$4/Seniors (60+ years), \$3/Child (3-17 years).

# LIBRARY NEWS

## Malvern Public Library

www.ccls.org or 610-644-7259

Have you seen our new website? Check us out at <http://www.malvern-library.org/>, or like us on Facebook!

Thank you to everyone who donated to our Sock Drive in October! The Library is a drop-off point for the Annual Willistown Coat Drive again this holiday season.

Stop by on Saturday, December 3 during Malvern's Victorian Christmas celebration. We will have a holiday craft from 11 AM–1 PM.

Art for women! On Monday, November 14 from 6:45 PM–8 PM, join Cyndie Westrich, board certified art therapist and licensed professional counselor, to learn how to use collage for rekindling desires, passions, dreams and for discovering new interests. All are welcome! No art experience is needed—just a wish to have fun with others and explore creativity. Please call 610-329-1684 by November 7 to reserve your space.

Looking for an unusual holiday gift? Make a donation in honor of someone! We'll purchase the item and create a bookplate naming the honoree.

Sign up to meet and read to Holly, our new therapy dog, on Thursday afternoons from 4:30 PM–5:30 PM. Spaces are limited, so sign up soon!

The Adult Coloring Club meets the third Friday of the month at the Malvern Buttery from 2 PM–3 PM. Join us in making personalized bookmarks!

Game enthusiasts: visit our website to find out when the next Board Game Night will be!

## Paoli Public Library

www.tredyffrinlibraries.org  
or 610-296-7996

As the "Biggest Little Library Around," Paoli Library has so much to offer! Of course, we have books, magazines, and DVDs, but did you know that we have a mobile hotspot available to take home?



Contact the library for rental information.

Try the Art Book Club, led by Victoria Skelly. The next meeting is November 16 at 6:30 PM and the book selection is *The Lady in Gold*, by Anne-Marie O'Connor. Call us for more information or to sign up.

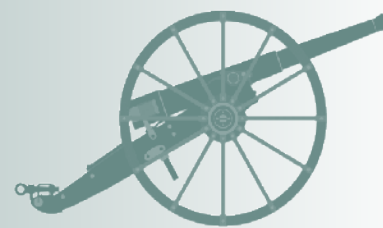
Book lovers can join our Mystery Book Club on the second Monday of every month at 10:30 AM. Visit the website, or call us for more info.

Calling all writers! Paoli Library hosts a Writers' Group on Thursdays from 12:30 PM–2:30 PM. Meet other writers and share ideas. For more information or to sign up, contact Melanie Pistilli at [mpistilli@comcast.net](mailto:mpistilli@comcast.net) or call us.

Try something new with your little one! Chinese Musical Storytime and German Storytime alternate on Fridays at 10:30 AM. The library also offers a Family Storytime on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 11 AM for all children birth to age 5. Babies have a special time on Thursdays at 10 AM for children up to age 18 months.

Finding time for movement and exercise can be challenging during the short fall and winter days. Register your child for one of our fun dance programs! Global Tots for preschoolers and their caregivers is on Saturdays, November 12 and December 10, from 10 AM–10:45 AM. Join our Global Rhythms program for ages 5–12 from 11 AM–12 PM. Adult participation is encouraged! Ballet180 hosts Creative Movement on Mondays, November 21 and December 19. Preschool age runs from 4 PM–4:45 PM, and grades K–3 runs from 4:45 PM–5:30 PM.

If you're looking for easy holiday gift ideas, we will have a large selection of novels on sale throughout the month of December. Also, consider purchasing a library tote bag to "wrap" your books.



## Paoli Battlefield

In late September, the Paoli Battlefield Heritage Day was held on the Battlefield located on Monument Avenue in Malvern. Before the establishment of Malvern Borough in 1889, this 1777 Revolutionary War battlefield was part of Willistown Township.

The Heritage Day Celebration provided a family-friendly walk through our American Military History from 1750 to current day. Visitors witnessed the history of our country through visits and demonstrations with re-enactors, crafters, historical societies, and book authors. Several musical groups entertained. The "Kids History Passport" took families to various "camps" where they found re-enactors to help answer passport questions.

A highlight of the event was the military salute to 52 fallen patriots killed at the site on September 20, 1777. This year, a new Veterans Memorial was dedicated. The new monument of black granite honors the sacrifices and the service of Veterans since WWII. It stands beside the 1817 Paoli Battle Monument and the WWI and WWII memorials.

Frank Ortner, of the Paoli Memorial Association, and State Representative Duane Milne spoke about honoring our Veterans while Vietnam veterans Chet Darlington and Bart Van Valkenburgh, a Willistown resident, did the unveiling of the beautiful memorial.

### Mark your calendar!

Monday, November 14 is our last Revolutionary War lecture of the year at the General Warren Inn. This program "Ben Franklin's Experiments," by Mike Kochan as Benjamin Franklin, is \$49 per person and includes the lecture and a delicious meal prepared by the Warren's fabulous chefs. Book online at [www.rememberpaoli.org](http://www.rememberpaoli.org).



THE NEWSLETTER OF  
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP

Coxe Memorial Campus  
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**Name That Trail!** Construction of the trail adjacent to Daylesford Abbey is well under way...send us your trail name ideas by December 5! See details on page 2.

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# Mark your Calendars

**November 24**  
Happy Thanksgiving!

**December 3 & 4**  
Malvern's Victorian Christmas

**December 3**  
Township Administration Coffee & Conversation 8-11 AM  
Coxe Memorial Campus

**December 5**  
Name That Trail Deadline  
See page 2 for details.  
Community Service Award Nomination Deadline  
See page 1 for details.  
Okehocking Weed Warriors, 9 AM-Noon  
First Saturday of the month  
See page 3 for details.

**December 10**  
Coat Collection Last Day  
Various drop-offs including Township Administration Building  
See page 5 for details.

**December 10**  
A Sugartown Christmas, 11 AM-4 PM  
Historic Sugartown  
See page 6 for details.

**Parks & Recreation Board Openings**  
See page 4 for details.

**Malvern and Paoli Library Activities & Paoli Battlefield Activities**  
See page 7 for details.

